NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The City of Milwaukee, Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) invite you to attend a Public Information Meeting where information will be provided regarding the proposed improvement of Wells Street from North 6th Street to North Broadway. Information will also be provided regarding the rehabilitation of the Wells Street Bridge over the Milwaukee River. These projects are proposed for construction in 2018.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, in Room 301-B. The meeting will follow an informal open house format with representatives from the City of Milwaukee DPW and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to answer questions.

The proposed improvement of Wells Street (USH 18) consists of milling the existing pavement and overlaying it with asphaltic pavement. Curb and gutter and sidewalk will be replaced, as necessary, due to condition or grade change. Catch basins will be replaced and new sewer laterals will be installed where needed. Some curb locations will be altered at intersections to better fit turning movements of vehicles.

The proposed rehabilitation of the Wells Street Bridge includes improvements to the existing structural, mechanical, and hydraulic components of the bridge. The metal grate portion of the bridge deck will remain in place, but bicycle plating will be added near the outside edges on the grating. Crash railings will be installed on the sidewalk near the curb. Outer railings will remain the same. The asphalt portion of the bridge will be replaced with lightweight concrete. Rehabilitation work will occur below the deck surface.

The roadway will be closed to traffic between North Plankinton Avenue and North Water Street for bridge rehabilitation. Other sections of the roadway will be open to traffic with one lane in each direction during construction.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires that undertakings take historic and archaeological resources into consideration. This letter is providing formal notification to persons with a concern for, or knowledge about, the archaeological/historic aspects of the buildings and structures located along this project. Such persons are encouraged to attend this meeting or provide comments to the City of Milwaukee. A map showing the boundaries of the Plankinton Avenue/ Wells Street/ Water Street National Register Historic District is attached. The Pabst Theater and Milwaukee City Hall, both located within the historic district, are also National Historic Landmarks.

It is very important that we receive public input on the proposed projects. Input that is received at the Public Information Meeting will assist in completing the proposed design and answer any questions that the public may have.

The public meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Hearing impaired persons needing assistance may call the Wisconsin Telecommunication Relay System (dial 711). To allow time for arranging assistance, please call no later than (3) three working days prior to the meeting.

If you would like additional information regarding this project, or if you have a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible format, please contact Mr. Rattan Mahay, Project Manager, at (414) 286-0486 or at rattan.mahay@milwaukee.gov.